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Patrick Maitland
Street Hype's Publisher

Maitland Gets ‘Man of The Year Award’

*By Kimmy Blair,
Staff Writer - Street Hype*

Patrick Maitland, editor-in-chief and publisher of Street Hype Newspaper, was named “Man of the Year” by Love Your Breasts, Inc., (LYBI) at the organization’s 14th anniversary awards dinner on November 14.

Angella Darling, executive director and founder of LYBI, said Maitland was acknowledged for his commitment and support of the organization’s mission of educating the community and increasing awareness about breast cancer.

“We are very appreciative of Mr. Maitland and the staff of Street Hype for always supporting our effort to help people to fight breast cancer,” said Darling at the awards banquet at the Eastwood Manor in the Bronx.

Other members of the community honored included Sybil Francis, a retired New York City registered nurse and secretary of the St. Luke’s Episcopal Church’s Nursing and Outreach Ministry and a member of the AIDS/HIV Committee, who was named “Woman of The Year.”

A cancer survivor, Francis was commended for her ongoing contributions and donations to several charitable causes, including Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society and the Alzheimer’s Association. “She walks annually to end Alzheimer’s and making strides against breast cancer,” Darling said. *Continued on page 4*

Bronx Man Seizes Home From Bank

*By Patrick Maitland
Street Hype Editor*

A 52-year-old Bronx man says he has used New York’s “adverse possession” law to reclaim his home in, six months after Wells Fargo foreclosed on the property and evicted him.

Richard Gordon said on Sept. 19, 2014 he took action under the Claim of Right statute to reclaim his North Bronx home that he said was illegally seized by the bank’s attorneys using forged documents.

Judge Mark Friedlander at the Bronx Supreme Court disposed foreclosure action in August of 2009.

Gordon explained that Attorney Ted May of Sheldon May & Associates “forged and filed an assignment of mortgage” that had a transfer date of February 6, 2003 into a Wells Fargo Trust that was created April 1, 2003.

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EDITORIAL

Democrats and Republicans Must Fix Immigration

With less than three years before President Barack Obama completes his eight-year in office, the son of an immigrant himself is on a mad rush to reform American immigration policy.

Under Obama's presidency, US immigration laws remain unchanged with the exception of an executive order aimed at protecting "Dreamers" — people who came to the United States illegally as young children — from deportation.

But, during the same period, Obama was on track to owning the distinction of being the president who deported the most illegal immigrants. Based on a Department of Homeland Security data report from last year, the Obama administration carried out roughly 1.8 million removals during the same period through September 7, 2013. That's less than George W. Bush's overall total of a shade more than 2 million. But even conservative estimates of the number of deportations in fiscal year 2014 would

have Obama crossing that mark right about now and on pace to crush it by the end of his presidency.

While Republicans were not willing to cooperate with Democrats to reform immigration, Obama was far too slow in "fixing immigration" as he promised during his election campaign. In the first two-years of Obama's presidency, the Democrats were in control of both the Senate and the House, yet nothing was done for his fellow immigrants.

The Obama administration has been known to be very tough on immigrants. Several thousand, including hardworking people from our communities, were rounded up and deported for overstaying their visitors' visa.

They did not have any drug or criminal offenses and were not allowed to see a judge in keeping with American laws.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and other Democrats, realizing that they

blundered and were unkind to immigrants, are now catching up by implementing new state policies that would drastically limit the federal government's ability to deport undocumented immigrants, Caribbean and otherwise, in New York City.

In our opinions, Obama and other Democratic leaders should show more respect for the issues affecting immigrants, including those from the Caribbean, who always vote overwhelmingly for the party. The Republicans did not allow Obama to change or fix immigration, but the president's own actions or discretions with the old laws which resulted in the White House having the highest number of our people being deported, must be closely examined.

President Obama was late and the Republicans were playing politics. Perhaps it's the American way of telling Congress and the House that both parties must unite to fix immigration.



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How to Be a Better Decision Maker

Decision-making is a central part of leadership. Even when a leader uses a laissez-faire leadership style, the leader remains responsible for making many decisions such as the nature of the goals that followers should pursue and the type of leadership style that is appropriate for the situation.

Followers often look to leaders to make decisions, particularly if they have difficulty with envisioning the specific tasks that are required to achieve a goal. Because of the importance of decision making to leadership, you should understand how to approach decision-making.

To make better decisions, you should understand that decision-making is a process involving a sequential series of steps that are often considered part of the critical thinking process.

These steps are: (a) identifying the problem, (b) analyzing the possible solutions to the problem, (c) evaluating which of the possible solutions will be most effective, and (d) selecting and implementing the solution.

These steps give you a structured framework to improve the quality of your decisions. The first three steps focus on collecting information that is useful when making a decision. The way leaders as decision makers collect the information often depends on their leadership style and the situation.

For example, the autocratic leader may be comfortable with personally collecting the information, while a participative leader may be comfortable relying on the information provided by others.

Identifying a problem requires that you understand that a problem exists and that you recognize the root cause of the problem. While it is often easy to recognize the symptoms of a problem, the actual



Dr Neva Alexander SPEAKS

cause of the problem may not be immediately apparent. As a result, a good leader carefully evaluates the nature of the problem before considering the possible solutions.

All problems have more than one possible solution. Effective decision-making requires identifying the range of possible solutions that address the root cause of the problem.

The analysis determines the way each of the possible solutions will affect the problem. The analysis should also consider the effect of the possible solution on the

processes or systems used by an organization based on the assumption that a change to fix one part of a system may cause a new problem with another part of the sys-

tem. At the same time, the leader must remain aware that decisions have a direct effect on followers when evaluating possible alternatives.

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NEWS

Controversy mars Jamaica Diaspora Board elections

By Patrick Maitland
Street Hype Editor

With only several days from the elections of two members to the Jamaica Diaspora Advisory Board for the Northeastern US Region (JDNE), there are calls for attorney-at-law Joan Pinnock to withdraw her candidacy as she claimed to be endorsed by Jamaican State Minister for Foreign Affairs Arnaldo Brown.

In a letter to Karlene Lergie chairperson of the nomination committee, competing candidates Sandra Morrison and Tracy Tomlinson-Dixon said, "Joan Pinnock candidacy has been compromised if the Minister interfered. The Jamaica Diaspora's 'Terms of Reference' indicates that the election of a representative from any region must be solely the remit of such region. Furthermore, no member of the Ministry (Minister) shall interfere directly or indirectly with the process."

Outgoing Jamaica Diaspora board member Irwine G. Clare, Sr. told *Street Hype* that Pinnock's comments were inappropriate, however he spoke with Minister Brown who denied Pinnock's endorsement claims and at a recent meeting with the candidates, Pinnock withdrew her claims and the "misunderstanding."

However, Morrison and Tomlinson-Dixon are adamant that Pinnock must "withdraw her candidacy as anything less would be



Sandra Morrison



Joan Pinnock



Tracy Tomlinson-Dixon



Irwine G. Clare, Sr.

punitive for us -the other candidates should the idea of a do over is suggested. Ms Pinnock credibility and judgment are being questioned as the Minister has strongly denied talking to her about any support of her candidacy. Somebody is therefore lying or misrepresenting the truth," Tomlinson-Dixon told *Street Hype*.

Morrison, Tomlinson-Dixon and Pinnock are the only candidates nominated for the Diaspora

Advisory Board Member and Advisory Board Member Alternate, while the Future Leader nominees are New Jersey resident Erin Lue-Hing and Scherie Murray of Queens.

Voting began on November 10 and ends on November 24, 2014 at 4:00 pm. The term of office is for a period of two years.

The positions are voluntary and the officers will not receive financial compensation.



RAPPING AT 50:

New York City businessman and CEO, People's Choice Furniture, Dale Getfield (c) raps with his wife Nadia (r) and Sandie Classy at his 50th birthday party held recently at Mingles Cafe, Bronx.

Seizes Home From Bank

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Despite the "unlawful foreclosure," Gordon said Judge Friedlander approved the action without any documents in the record establishing standing for Wells Fargo.

"That is to say, there was no assignment of mortgage in the case file and one was not filed in the City Register until six months after a judgment of foreclosure was signed by the judge," Gordon explained. "The foreclosure was filed and executed with no assignment in the exhibits."

After a ten-year battle, Gordon said he got his deed restored from the Referee's Deed to a Corrected Index Deed and a Nullification of the Assignment of Mortgage, by invoking NY PL 175.35 offering a false instrument for filing, on November 4, 2013, as the ACRIS record shows.

However, Gordon said just when he thought his issue with the bank was over, he received a shocker on Feb. 28: a five-day eviction notice, supported by a Writ of Assistance and signed by the Judge Friedlander dated in back in 2011, was posted on his home.

Gordon said the comments on the property were changed in the City Register without a court order. The tampering of his land records, he said, validated the forgery and negated the correction Gordon had received some four months earlier.

An outraged Gordon said that on March 6, 2014, Joseph Fucito of the New York City Sheriff evicted him from his home without notice and with the threat of bodily harm, accompanied by

offensive racial epithets. "In addition to this reckless action, the Sheriffs seized an adjacent lot/garage, 1048 East 226th Street, that was not a part of the foreclosure action," Gordon said.

Gordon said that with "limited legal assistance," he researched his rights under the "claim of right" statute and re-took physical possession of his property because "there is no valid document that Wells Fargo lawyers can present to challenge my claim."

The angry homeowner Gordon suggests that anyone pursuing a claim for adverse possession must assert that he or she is acting under a "Claim of Right," essentially a claim of ownership. A claimant seeking to acquire title by adverse possession has to have a reasonable basis to believe that the property (already) belongs to him or her," he suggests.

Gordon said he is taking further legal actions against the bank, the attorneys, the judge and the New York City Sheriff for the losses and inconveniences he endured during the period that his properties was illegally seized and disposed. He will now seek a deed restoration under the Deed Procured by Fraud statute in an expedited special proceeding.

As Economic Division Chairman of the Bronx Chapter of National Action Network, Gordon said he would be using the organization to educate and inform the public, especially African Americans, on protecting their properties from illegal foreclosures and deceptive attorneys.

Wells Fargo and Ted May of Sheldon May & Associates were not available for comments.

Man of The Year Award

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Other recipients of LYBI awards included: Isabell Rogers, financial secretary and NAACP member who received the Pinnacle of Service Award; Ona Jennings, president of Trinity Episcopal Church Women and member Gospel Choir who received the Community Service Award; Victoria Falk, CEO of Passionate Travel and co-survivor who received the Business Achievement Award; and Evelyn Christian, 4th term President of Bay Eden Center in Queens and 10 year Pancreatic cancer survivor/6 year Breast cancer survivor who received the Humanitarian Valiant Survivor Award.

Diane Johnson, a 7-year-survivor, Georgina Vazquez, a 13-year-survivor and active members of LYBI support group, Elaine Jenkins, a 5-year-Survivor, NYPD Detective 3rd grade and a member Parkchester Baptist Church, all received LYBI's Valiant Survivors awards.



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NEWS

Doctor Found Guilty Fraud Scheme

BROOKLYN:

A New York-based doctor has been found guilty in a no-fault insurance fraud scheme following a two-week jury trial.

According to a statement recently from Preet Bharara, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Tatyana Gabinskaya was found guilty on Oct. 3 of various health care fraud and mail fraud offenses.

The jury convicted Gabinskaya of charges arising out of her involvement, from 2007 through 2012, in what has been described by authorities as the largest single no-fault automobile insurance fraud scheme ever charged.

Gabinskaya is the 32nd defendant convicted in this case following arrests in 2012, as part of an indictment that charged 36 defendants with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and health care fraud and charging some defendants with racketeering and money laundering.

Under New York state law, every vehicle registered in the state is required to have no-fault auto insurance, which allows the driver and passengers of a registered and insured vehicle to obtain benefits of up to \$50,000 per person for injuries sustained in an auto accident, regardless of fault.

de Blasio signs bills limiting deportation of immigrants

With President Barack Obama vowing to proceed on immigration reform by executive order, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio signed two bills that would drastically limit the federal government's ability to deport undocumented Caribbean and other immigrants from New York City.

Under one of the new laws signed Nov. 14, the city will, in many cases, refuse to hand over immigrants in the criminal justice system to federal agents. "In the past, the city sometimes had to turn over people whose cases had been dismissed or who had been arrested on minor charges," the mayor said.

Now, it said the city will only cooperate with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) if the agency has a federal warrant, or if the person has been convicted of a serious crime or is on a terror watch list.

A significant number of Caribbean nationals had been deported after committing minor infractions, including traffic violations, according to an analysis of internal United States government records since President Barack Obama assumed office.

The figures showed that two-thirds of the nearly two million deportation cases involve Caribbean and other immigrants.

The study conducted by the New York Times found that 20 per cent, or about 394,000 of the cases involved immigrants convicted of serious crimes, including drug-related offenses.



Mayor Bill de Blasio

Another bill gets rid of ICE from its offices on Rikers Island jail in Queens. "We're signing legislation that will have a really meaningful effect on the lives of immigrants," said de Blasio, as he signed the bill, flanked by City Legislators and Carlos Rodriguez, who was mistakenly arrested for trespassing and detained by federal law enforcement authorities for eight months even though the charges were dropped.

Rodriguez is still fighting deportation to the Dominican Republic. "Even though it doesn't help me right now, I know it helps somebody else out there," Rodriguez said.

Nearing the end of an Asian trip, Obama, in Myanmar, repeated vows to use executive orders to act on overhauling immigration enforcement.

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US attorney general visits Barbados

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (BGIS):

Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart on Tuesday met with the attorney general of the United States, Eric Holder Jr., at Parliament in Bridgetown.

During wide-ranging discussions, which focused on general security issues affecting Barbados and the region, the prime minister and the US attorney general exchanged views on the drug trade, the issue of small arms and light weapons, human trafficking, and civil forfeiture of assets which are the proceeds of crime.

Stuart said that Barbados attached great importance to its relationship with the United States, and was committed to the deepening and strengthening of that relationship.

In response, Holder affirmed the importance of the Caribbean region to the US, and observed that the partnership they had forged had worked quite well, to the advantage of both the US and the Caribbean.



Cuban doctor diagnosed with Ebola

HAVANA, Cuba (ACN) --

Cuban doctor Felix Baez Sarria, a member of the Henry Reeves medical brigade in Sierra Leone, has been diagnosed with Ebola and is now under treatment at a specialized treatment centre in Switzerland, with no complications, the Cuban health ministry reported on Wednesday.

The report, published in the Granma newspaper, explained that, on November 16, the Cuban doctor, a specialist in inter-

nal medicine who had already assisted Ebola patients in Sierra Leone, began to have a fever, but no other symptoms. The doctor was immediately transferred to the Kerry Town Ebola treatment centre in the capital of the country.

The doctor was tested for Ebola on November 17 and diagnosed with the virus. The Cuban health worker was assisted by British professionals with extensive experience in the treatment of the disease, and who maintain direct communication with the Cuban medical brigade, the report explained.

Following a proposal by the World Health Organization, Baez Sarria was transferred to the Geneva University Hospital, in Switzerland, which has a centre that is highly specialized in the treatment and management of highly-transmissible infections.

Experts and officials are closely following the progress of the patient, who has not presented any complications and is hemo-dynamically stable, the report by the Cuban health ministry concluded.



Patrick Robinson
Elected to the International
Court of Justice

Jamaican judge sits on World Court

Jamaican judge, Patrick Robinson has been elected to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague.

Robinson, the father of Minister of State for Science and Technology Julian Robinson is to serve for nine years beginning February 6, 2015.

As the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, the ICJ — often referred to as the World Court — settles legal disputes between States parties and gives advisory opinions to the Organization and its specialized agencies. The Court is open to all parties to its Statute, which automatically includes all Members of the United Nations.

The general assembly elected four judges from an initial pool of eight candidates. Robinson was named the fifth candidate among 193 countries that voted.

He is a former president of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, a position he held between 2008 and 2011.

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OAS calls for resumption of Guyana parliament

GEORGETOWN, Guyana --

One of the first international reactions to Monday's suspension of Guyana's Parliament by President Donald Ramotar came on Tuesday from the secretary general of the Organisation of American States (OAS), Jose Miguel Insulza, in a press statement calling for resumption of parliamentary debate as soon as possible.

Insulza "took note of Proclamation No. 1 of 2014, dated November 10, 2014, in which President Donald Ramotar prorogued the Tenth Parliament of Guyana."

While acknowledging that the suspension of Guyana's parliament occurred within the framework of the country's constitution, Insulza stated, "In a democracy, an efficient functioning of the Parliament allows for checks and balances and for the voice of the people to be heard."

The secretary general also took note of Guyana's split governance since

November 2011, in which the executive is "controlled by one party and the combined opposition having the majority in Parliament." He urged all parties to work for the greater good of Guyana.

He added, "This situation presents both challenges and opportunities for all parties in Guyana to work together for the greater good of the country," and in light of this reality the OAS secretary general urged both the governing and opposition political parties "to redouble their efforts to reach an understanding and compromise on the major political and socio-economic issues facing the country."

Insulza said he hoped "that parliamentary debate can be resumed in the 10th Parliament in the shortest possible period of time."

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM), which is headquartered in Guyana, has so far remained silent on the issue.

LEGAL ISSUES

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SPORTS



Diamond League: Gatlin powers to men's 100m title

Olympic gold medallist Justin Gatlin recorded the fastest time in the world this year to claim the men's 100m Diamond League title in Brussels.



The 32-year-old sped away from a strong field that included fellow American Tyson Gay and Jamaican Asafa Powell to win in a time of 9.77 seconds.

That saw him usurp compatriot Michael Rodgers, who came second in the race in 9.93secs, at the top of the standings.

American Allyson Felix won the women's 200m race to take the overall title.

The 28-year-old, who won gold in the event at London 2012, led Blessing Okagbare by two points coming into Friday's meeting but produced a 2014 world-leading run of 22.02 to beat her Nigerian rival, who finished the race in a disappointing sixth.

Doha to host 2019 IAAF World Championships

The city of Doha in Qatar on Tuesday won the right to host the 2019 IAAF World Championships.

In the vote by the IAAF Council in Monaco, Doha was selected ahead of the Spanish city of Barcelona and Eugene, Oregon in the United States.

"I am sure that in Doha we will have a wonderful edition of the World Championships. I am convinced they are committed through sport to developing their country and their community, and they are doing the right things," said IAAF President Lamine Diack, in response to the outcome.

Sheikh Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, the Doha bid leader, was very pleased with the outcome, adding that it was "a privilege and an honour to have the trust of the IAAF."

The 2015 edition of the World Championships will be hosted by Beijing, from August 22-30, followed in 2017 by London, from August 5-13.



Reggae Boyz celebrating

Reggae Boyz Wins Caribbean Cup 2014

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica:

Jamaica were crowned champions of the Caribbean Football Union Caribbean Cup after outscoring Trinidad and Tobago 4-3 on penalties in front of a vociferous home crowd at the Montego Bay Sports Complex a short while ago.

After neither team was able to find the target during 90 minutes of regulation plus 30 minutes of extra time, goalkeeper Andre Blake gave Jamaica the ideal start in the shoot-out when he saved the penalty of Trinidad and Tobago captain Kenwyne Jones.

Jermaine Taylor, Jobi McAnuff, Demar Phillips and captain Rodolph Austin, who was named man-of-the-match, were on target for the Reggae Boyz, who were winning their sixth title. Teenager Michael Seaton was the only Jamaican player to miss from 12 yards.

It was a courageous effort from the Boyz, who were the better team for much of the game, as they created the better scoring opportunities, but just couldn't find the target.

It was Jamaica's first win since lifting the trophy under the guidance of coach Theodore Whitmore in Martinique in 2010. The Boyz have now qualified for the eagerly anticipated special edition of the Copa America Centenario, which is the 100th anniversary of the South American Championships. Under a special arrangement, six teams from CONCACAF plus the 10 South American nations will participate.

The Boyz had earlier qualified for next summer's CONCACAF Gold Cup, and after plummeting down the FIFA rankings to 113th, their gutsy performance proved the ideal response, giving German coach Winfried Schaefer his first title since being appointed head coach.

Warner in more controversy

Disgraced former FIFA vice-president, Jack Warner, continues to feature negatively in relation to the bidding process that saw the 2018 and 2022 World Cups being awarded to Russia and Qatar, respectively.

FIFA has announced that, following a review of a 42-page report by head judge Hans-Joachim Eckert, Russia and Qatar will retain their right to host the World Cup, since there was insufficient evidence to implicate them in any wrongdoing.

However, FIFA investigator Michael Garcia has threatened to appeal the ruling, claiming that the report contains numerous materially incomplete and erroneous representations of facts and conclusions.

Garcia said Eckert's 42-page document instead focused heavily on the conduct of the nine bid teams, including embarrassing details of England 2018's attempts to woo Warner which "violated bidding rules" and included securing a job in the UK for a family friend of the controversial football figure.

It is understood Garcia made criticisms in his report about the culture and practices of many of the 24-man FIFA executive committee that chose the World Cup hosts, which he claims were excluded from Eckert's summary.

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MAYWEATHER- World's highest-paid athlete

The unbeaten five-division world champion is known as 'Money Mayweather' for a reason.

According to the Forbes 2014 list of the world's highest-paid athletes, the 37-year-old earned approximately £67m (\$105m) from fights against Saul Alvarez and Marcos Maidana.



Floyd Mayweather

He is only the second sportsman or sportswoman to break the \$100m (£64m) barrier, after golfer Tiger Woods, despite having no personal endorsements.

Mayweather signed a 30-month, six-fight deal with pay-per-view broadcasters Showtime in 2013 and tops the list.

Forbes say he has earned almost £255m (\$400m) in the ring since he turned professional in 1996.

West Indies players sign contracts for South Africa tour

ST JOHN'S, Antigua --

The West Indies Cricket Board confirmed late on Tuesday that 14 of the 15 players offered match/tour contracts for the upcoming Test tour of South Africa have signed and returned the contracts.

Darren Bravo wrote to chairman of selectors Clive Lloyd and requested not to be considered for the Test series due to personal reasons. A replacement player will subsequently be named.

The squad: Denesh Ramdin (Captain), Sulieman Benn, Jermaine Blackwood, Kraigg Brathwaite, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Sheldon Cottrell, Shannon Gabriel, Christopher Gayl, Jason Holder, Leon Johnson, Kemar Roach, Marlon Samuels, Jerome Taylor and Chadwick Walton.

ENTERTAINMENT

Reggae Song Finds It Way On USA Network

By Anthony Turner
Contributing Writer

Imagine the good fortune of a New York-based Jamaican reggae artist who learned one day recently that a song he had released four years ago and had almost forgotten about has been picked up by an award-winning film maker, playwright and novelist and placed on an American television pilot.

This is exactly what happened to Brooklyn-based reggae DJ Kabbalist who discovered after the fact that his song, 'Catwalk' that was produced by high profile producer Mark The 45 King was used in the Nina Foxx network pilot "She's Got 'Is Shoes". The pilot pokes fun at Foxx's insatiable passion for shoes and the pulsating reggae beat provides a backdrop for her quest to start her own shoe line with the help of her daughter Sydney from ABC's "Flash Forward" alongside a number of celebrity friends. The pilot was featured at the San Diego Black Film Festival, won an award of merit at The Accolade and was selected as the best reality short film at Atlanta's Urban Media Makers Film Festival.

Kabbalist who is originally from Old Harbour, is no stranger to the limelight, having enjoyed previous success with his patriotic single 'Down In Jamaica'. He has also enjoyed stateside and Jamaica radio rotation with another single 'Rude Boy', but he expects that this new visibility will open some productive doors for career growth.



DJ Kabbalist

'Catwalk' made its way to the television pilot because Kabbalist gave the song to James Elan, a music industry attorney, asking him to shop the record for possible distribution deals. But with no takers after about a year, the artist forgot about the song and moved on. So it was quite a surprise when the good news was brought to his attention.

"I am thrilled that Nina Foxx heard my song and found it exciting enough to use it in her movie", Kabbalist beamed. "The song is creating new opportunities for me four years after it was first released, and this goes to show that a good song never dies", he continued.

Kabbalist is currently in Jamaica and he plans to do a remix of 'Catwalk' there to capitalize on the resurgence of the single. He also plans to shoot a video clip for 'Catwalk' early in the new year.

Barbee drops hot music video 'Just Like That'

By Anthony Turner
Contributing Writer

The voluptuous singer Barbie has been seen on the local stage for a while, but she has been quietly doing her thing on the international scene.

Her new single and music video 'Just Like That' has announced her intention to reestablish her presence in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean.

The video which was recently released in the Caribbean has been getting some positive reviews with people loving its high quality and also for it being very entertaining.

Barbee dubbed the 'Caribbean Princess' by popular US TV host Wendy Williams, who is presently on a promotional tour of the United Kingdom (UK) is upbeat about the her video.

She said, "I am really excited about this project, we shot it in Atlanta and New York. The young ladies were a pleasure to work with, the dance choreographer Richard Bricks was from Atlanta which brought in the real southern (US) style of dancing mixed with Caribbean swag. It's really a wonderful video and I hope you guys love."

The song was produced by Rock City aka Planet 6 with Rose Henry and Shamar Francois as executive producers. Rock City is noted for their work with international artistes such as Rihanna, Miley Cyrus, Kelly Rowland from Destiny's Child and many other top artistes.



Barbee dubbed the 'Caribbean Princess'

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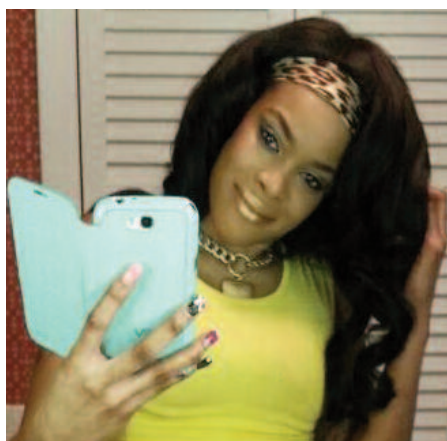
T-Mobile announces limited-time savings on international calls

T-Mobile, perhaps getting a jump start on holiday deals, announced Wednesday a pair of options for customers who make calls to international countries.

Effective immediately, Simple Choice subscribers can add unlimited international landline calls for \$5 per month.

The promotion, which runs through the end of the year, covers roughly 70 countries as part of the Stateside International Talk plan. This is a flat \$5 for the whole account and not a per-line fee.

Alternately, customers can choose a \$10 add-on which throws in unlimited mobile-to-mobile calls to over 30 countries. As part of the deal, T-Mobile will give each line 1,000 minutes for mobile-to-mobile calls to Mexico.



Those who sign up for the low-cost bundles will be grandfathered into the Stateside International Talk plan for as long as it remains on their account.

MORE SECURITY FOR CREDIT CARDS

New credit card technology is coming that will increase security and decrease the likelihood of theft. But you're still going to be asked to sign a receipt every once in a while.

By October 1, 2015, credit card transactions in the United States are going to

require technology that has been in use elsewhere for years: a chip built into the card, promising better security against fraud. The old way, swiping a card with a magnetic stripe through a machine, will be phased out. And it will probably happen quickly; after October, retailers using the old swipe terminals will be liable for fraudulent purchases. US credit card companies say it's about time, even though they've been among the most reluctant to adopt it.

FCC pushes back against Obama on net neutrality

Credit: CBS News:

In the face of President Obama's call for the FCC to adopt fresh legislation to protect net neutrality, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has reminded the leader politely that the agency works for Congress, not the White House.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has found itself at the heart of a discussion on what is deemed net neutrality -- the principle of treating all Internet traffic the same way.

The US communications regulator is currently thrashing out a new set of net neutrality rules, but the current proposal would allow for telecommunications and broadband providers to charge content providers, such as Netflix, for priority Internet fast-lanes. If content providers refused to pay additional rates, theoretically, this could result in throttled speeds for US subscribers -- or ISPs which produce their own content could slow down rivals in a bid to promote their own services.

The proposal drew mass protest and a high volume of comments by the public, which resulted in the US watchdog delaying a change in regulations for now.



OBAMA

This week, President Obama came out in support of net neutrality, as he believes Internet services should be reclassified as a utility and something Americans have a right to. Therefore, Obama does not support any plans which would result in throttling, blocking or paid priority lanes of traffic.

Obama's statement read: "The time has come for the FCC to recognize that broadband service is of the same importance and must carry the same obligations as so many of the other vital services do."

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HONOR FROM JAMAICA:

Lowell Hawthorne president & CEO of Golden Krust poses with members of this family (l-r) Daren (son), Lorna (wife), Monique (daughter), Haywood (son), and Omar (son) at Jamaica House, Kingston, Jamaica WI where the Government of Jamaica bestowed upon him the Order of Distinction (OD).

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Thanksgiving Day in the United States is traditionally a holiday to give thanks for the food collected at the end of the harvest season. Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. It precedes Black Friday.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is a federal holiday in the United States.

What do people do?

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have. Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day. Some parades or festivities also mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season. Some people have a four-day weekend so it is a popular time for trips and to visit family and friends.

Public life

Most government offices, businesses, schools and other organizations are closed on Thanksgiving Day. Many offices and businesses allow staff to have a four-day weekend so these offices and businesses are also closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day. Public transit systems do not usually operate on their regular timetables.



Oven roasted turkey, common fare for Christmas and Thanksgiving celebrations.

Follow these tips so you can enjoy holiday favorites without feeling like you need to roll home by the end of the evening.

Strategy #1: Come Hungry, Not Starving.

Arrive at your first feast famished and you'll probably end up over-stuffing yourself. You'll feel tired (turkey coma?) and can even end up with heartburn.

Strategy #2: Enjoy the Conversation.

Instead of shoveling food with lightening speed, put down the fork and enjoy chatting

Strategy #3: Choose Wisely

There are usually several favorites you look forward to each year. Instead of filling up on everyday foods (like bread), select small portions of 2 to 3 dishes that make the holiday special for you.

Strategy #4: Liquids Matter

Virgin drinks or alcoholic cocktails: they all count. Guzzling down apple cider, hot cocoa, beer or mixed drinks can put a calorie dent in your day and quickly fill you up. Instead, opt for water and save a special drink or two for your last stop.

Thanksgiving Day it is one of the busiest periods for travel in the USA. This can cause congestion and overcrowding. Seasonal parades and busy football games can cause disruption to local traffic.

Background

Thanksgiving Day has been an annual holiday in the United States since 1863. Not everyone sees Thanksgiving Day as a cause for celebration. Each year since 1970, a group of Native Americans and their supporters have staged a protest for a National Day of Mourning at Plymouth Rock in Plymouth, Massachusetts on Thanksgiving Day. American Indian Heritage Day is also observed at this time of the year.

There are claims that the first Thanksgiving Day was held in the city of El Paso, Texas in 1598. Another early event was held in 1619 in the Virginia Colony. Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving Day to the harvest celebration that the Pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. However, their first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a drought. These early thanksgivings took the form of a special church service, rather than a feast.

In the second half of the 1600s, thanksgivings after the harvest became more common and started to become annual events. However, it was celebrated on different days in different communities and in some places there were more than one thanksgiving each



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EDUCATION & YOUTH

Professor Watson Discusses "No Child Left Behind"

Dr. Terri N. Watson, assistant professor in the City College of New York School of Education, is the next speaker in the "Presidential Conversations: Activism, Scholarship, and Engagement," series Thursday, December 4.

Her talk, "No Child Left Behind: A Harlem Tale," starts at 4 p.m. in the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture's Sciamé Auditorium, AR-107, at City College.



Professor Terri N. Watson

Professor Watson will speak about her research on successful principals of urban schools. Her current subject is Principal David Fanning of A. Philip Randolph Campus High School on the CCNY grounds.



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ADAMS CALLS ON TEENAGERS TO JOIN COMMUNITY BOARDS:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams joins educators, community leaders and advocates in the rotunda of Brooklyn Borough Hall to urge teenagers to take advantage of a new state law that now allows them to become members of the City's community boards; he is joined by (l-r) Brooklyn Community Board 16 Chair Bettie Kollock-Wallace, Brooklyn Borough Hall Chief Program Officer Sandra Chapman, Assembly Member Nily Rozic, Brooklyn Community Board 3 Chair Tremaine Wright, Al Kurland of PAL, Brooklyn Community Board 2 District Manager Robert Perris, Alan Schulman of ATSS/UFT, and Sarah Andes of Generation Citizen.

Monroe Wins State Championship!

The Monroe College student team is the American Culinary Federation New York State champions for 2015, earning 5 gold medals and topping competing schools from Niagara Culinary Institute, SUNY Delhi, and Schenectady County Community College. The team, led by captain Courtney Boyle, of North Hunterdon HS, showed poise and outstanding cooking skills in both the culinary skills, and menu production phases of the competition. "I've judged numerous state championships and this is the first time that all of the team's medaled in the competition," said Chef David J. Turcotte, the lead judge from Virginia, reflecting on the level of competition in NY State.

Entrepreneurial Challenge – Nov. 19

The St. Francis College Center for Entrepreneurship and Capital One will award more than \$2,000 in seed money to student entrepreneurs for their new businesses at the Entrepreneur Pitch Challenge in the College's Founders Hall, Thursday, November 20 at 11:00 am.

Student business plans will be judged by Nicole Moorer (Capital One Bank Small Business Area Director), Kristen Leoce (Executive Director, Live Media, Time Inc.), Abhi Anuket (President, Persurix LLC.), Thomas Flood (Vice President of Development, St. Francis College), and Robert Oliva (Director of Community Partnerships, Special Events, & Campus Security, St. Francis College).

Prizes range from \$1,000 for first place to \$500 for third.

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Creative Fingers “That Girl” campaign has set a goal of encouraging, educating and demonstrating how to live a healthy lifestyle for all women. We will deliver our messages on health through promotions, partnerships, social media, events, blogging and hosting a public access show.

Michelle Bernard and the Creative Fingers Family will be on the Public Access channel showing viewers how to maintain healthy hair for the holidays and sport three different looks starting the first week of December.

On December 6th, 2014 Creative Fingers Hair Salon will team up with Hillside Fitness and host a free fitness class in the salon.

On December 20th, 2014 Bernard and Dave Hill will be holding a nutrition and healthy eating clinic in the salon, teaching attendants their dietary tricks to stay fit. As



Michelle Bernard
Creative Fingers Hair Salon

Michelle has always said, “When you look good you feel good” and she wants that for everyone woman.

“That Girl” is a Creative Fingers campaign educating young girls and women on how live healthy, balanced and successful lives. The campaign is comprised of several components to guide at-risk girls and women to living prosperous lifestyles. The components focused on in this campaign are health (nutrition, fitness and cosmetics), career, spiritual, home/environment, finance, recreation and relationships (romance, family and friendship).

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ICONS OF SOUL AWARDS:

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COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

Chancellor Carmen Fariña recently kicked off College Application Week, a coordinated effort to provide college application resources and supports to high-needs students and students who would be the first in their families to attend college. College Application Week runs November 17-21.

New York City joined the national College Application Week program for the first time last year on a limited basis, in partnership with the Higher Education Services Corporation. This year, the City is reinvigorating and expanding its participation with 161 high schools registered to host events during the week, ensuring valuable college-application resources and

activities for thousands of high-school seniors Citywide.

"To compete in this global economy, our students must graduate high school with the experience, skills and knowledge to achieve in college and beyond," said Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña. "Through internship and apprenticeship opportunities, expanded professional development for teachers so they effectively support their students, and partnerships with leading organizations across the City, we are moving in the right direction. College Application Week is a great opportunity to show our students that we believe in them, and give them support and planning on their path to college."

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Woman Is Puzzled by Guy Who Refuses to Get Naked

Dear Divine Diva:

I met a guy four months ago. Our relationship is new and pretty casual for the most part. We like each other's company and spend nights together, but when we're intimate, he keeps his clothes on -- boxers and all. He is only 26, but he has told me about past relationships, so I know he has had experience.

Over the past two years he has lost almost 100 pounds. He looks great now -- healthy and toned. I have seen him get in and out of the shower. (I noticed a little excess skin on his stomach, but not

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much.) It's really weird. I don't feel comfortable taking my own clothes off when he doesn't.

This isn't exactly a deal breaker for me, as I obviously am attracted to him.

I just would like him to be comfortable with me. Should I address this with him, and if so, how? Or should I just leave it be for now?

-Awkward Situation, Bx

Dear Awkward:

It's apparent that he still has body issues having to do with his extreme weight loss. If you know him well enough to spend nights at his house, you should be able to communicate with him about sex on a mature level and tell him the experience would be more satisfying for you if there was less between you when you are in his arms.

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Healthy Eating Tips For Thanksgiving

By Maria Barillaro
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The holidays are the hardest time of year to eat right. Luckily, a Thanksgiving turkey means you'll be eating lean white meat, which is a great start toward healthier eating. Find out what else you can do to enjoy your meal without increasing your waistline and cholesterol.

Eat Before Dinner

Don't deprive yourself before your Thanksgiving dinner. Eat a hearty breakfast and lunch complete with in-between snacks throughout the day. If you show up at dinner starving, you'll be more likely to overeat and your body will have a harder time digesting the heavy meal.

Eat Plenty of Vegetables

Before reaching for turkey and potatoes, fill two-thirds of your plate with vegetables of all colours. Healthy veggies will fill you up and keep you from indulging in unhealthy food.

Drink Lots of Water

Drink plenty of water before and during your meal. Not only does your mind often interpret thirst as hunger, but water will help your stomach stay full and keep you from overeating. Plus, you won't pack on any of the additional calories soft drinks and other beverages can add to your meal.

Limit Sweets

Aim for a teaspoon or two of cranberry sauce instead of drowning your turkey in it. This yummy treat is high in sugar so you should eat it in moderation.

When it comes to dessert, you don't have to avoid it altogether. If you've eaten a healthy meal, you can indulge yourself in a sliver of pie or small portion of ice cream. If you're still craving more, continue eating fruit to satisfy your sweet tooth in a healthier way.

Leave the Dinner Table After Eating

Once you're done eating, leave the table. The entire dinner party should move to another room to chat and spend time together. Hanging out around the table may tempt you to snack on some leftovers.

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What Is a Food Craving?

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A food craving is a desire to consume a food or drink when such consumption either exceeds or does not contribute to the body's nutrient requirements. A food craving is an intense desire to consume a specific food, that goes beyond normal hunger.



Why do we have them?

1. Lack of Primary Food

Food is more than what you find on your plate. Emotional factors (stress, boredom, being uninspired by a job or relationship) or an inappropriate exercise routine may all cause emotional eating.

2. Water Intake

Balanced intake is the key. Dehydration can manifest as a mild hunger. Excess water, can also cause cravings due to electrolyte and mineral imbalance. Eight to ten cups is the average daily need for an adult.

3. Culture or habit

We often crave foods that have some "emotional meaning" attached to them. Foods from our childhood. Foods we culturally eat on special occasions. Foods that are representative of what we understand as Happiness, tend to be craved when we feel less happy.

4. Body is out of balance

When there is imbalance in the body, it will produce odd cravings. Inadequate mineral levels produces salt cravings. Lack of sleep and or high levels of stress produces cravings for quick fixes source of energy such as sugar and sugary foods. Winter blues, low spirits promote cravings for high carb content foods.

5. Hormones

Though more common in women, due to our reproductive cycle, men can also suffer from fluctuating testosterone and estrogen levels that may cause unique cravings. Stress is a big trigger for these hormonal fluctuations, especially later in life.

6. Self-Sabotage Syndrome

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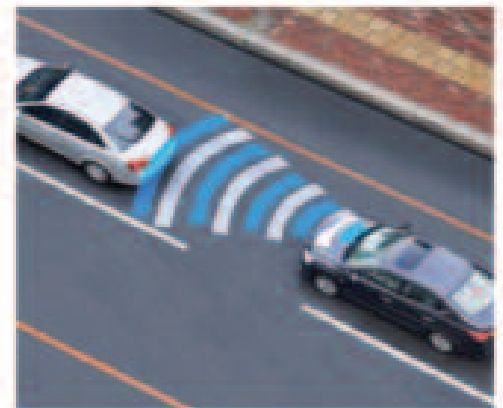
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